THE HONORABLE 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT TACOMA 9 JOANNE SMITH and DOUGLAS SMITH, Case No. 3:18-cy-05646 husband and wife, and DOUGLAS SMITH as 10 attorney-in-fact for BETHEL REECE, COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL RICO VIOLATION, FRAUD, AND BREACH Plaintiffs, 11 **OF FIDUCIARY DUTY** v. 12 **Jury Demand** CHERYL E. SMITH and JOHN DOES 1 -13 10. Defendants. 14 15 Plaintiffs Joanne Smith and Douglas Smith, individually and Douglas Smith as attorney 16 in fact for Bethel Reece, assert the following claims against Defendants Cheryl Smith and John 17 Does 1 - 10: 18 **NATURE OF ACTION** 19 1. Douglas Smith, Joanne Smith, Cheryl Smith, and Bethel Reece are an association 20 of individuals sharing the common purpose of care for Bethel Reece. 21 2. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 - 10 are an association of individuals sharing the 22 common purpose of defrauding Bethel Reece. 23 24 COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL RICO VIOLATION, LEE & HAYES, PLLC 601 W. Riverside Avenue, Suite 1400 FRAUD, AND BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY - 1

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- 3. Douglas Smith is the attorney-in-fact for Bethel Reece pursuant to an Individual Durable Power of Attorney executed August 25, 2015, which grants Douglas Smith "all powers of absolute ownership of the property of" Bethel Reece.
- 4. Plaintiffs bring this action against Defendant Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 10, seeking damages for Defendants' violation of Sections 1962(c) and 1962(d) of Chapter 18 of the United States Code, and for Defendant Cheryl Smith's related fraud and breach of the fiduciary duty she owed to Bethel Reece.
- 5. Defendants have continued to commit acts harmful to the enterprise organized for the care of Bethel Reece. Upon information and belief, Defendants' injurious acts will continue absent relief from this Court.

## **PARTIES**

- 6. Bethel Reece is an individual residing at 295 Sylvan Way in Bremerton,
  Washington. This lawsuit is filed on her behalf through her attorney-in-fact, Plaintiff Douglas
  Smith.
- 7. Plaintiffs Douglas Smith and Joanne Smith are married individuals residing in Spokane County, Washington.
- 8. Defendant Cheryl Smith is an individual residing at 295 Sylvan Way in Bremerton, Washington.
- On information and belief, John Does 1 10 are unknown individuals residing at
   9235 Illahee Road NE in Bremerton, Washington.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

10. This in an action for violation of the civil RICO Act under the laws of the United States, 18 U.S.C. § 1961 *et seq*. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action under 28

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U.S.C. §1331, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1964(a), and (c), and under the principles of supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

- 11. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because they are residents of the State of Washington and, on information and belief, own, use, or possess property in the State of Washington.
- 12. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391, 1391(b)(1), and 1391(c)(1), as Defendants are residents of this judicial district and are subject to this Court's personal jurisdiction.

#### **BACKGROUND**

## Plaintiffs' Enterprise with Defendant Cheryl Smith

- 13. Plaintiffs and Cheryl Smith oversee and are responsible for the care of Bethel Reece, who is 100 years old.
- 14. In August of 1999, when she was 81 years old, Bethel Reece designated Douglas Smith and Cheryl Smith as attorneys-in-fact pursuant to a Joint Durable Power of Attorney.
- 15. In September of 1999, through their Joint Durable Power of Attorney, Douglas Smith and Cheryl Smith conveyed the real property Bethel Reece owned at 295 Sylvan Way in Bremerton, Washington (hereinafter the "real property") to Douglas Smith and Cheryl Smith as joint tenants.
- 16. Plaintiffs and Cheryl Smith collectively associated to ensure the care of Bethel Reece.
- 17. Bethel Reece currently lives at the real property at 295 Sylvan Way in Bremerton, Washington, and she has lived there for more than 50 years.
- 18. At the time the real property was conveyed to Douglas Smith and Cheryl Smith,
  Plaintiffs and Defendant entered into an "Agreement" to ensure that Bethel Reece would always

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live at the real property, even after ownership of the property was transferred. As part of that Agreement, Bethel Reece paid expenses of the real property, including insurance and real estate taxes. That agreement has been reaffirmed many times, both verbally and in writing.

- 19. In 2006, in a letter to Cheryl Smith, Douglas Smith memorialized the Agreement and the association of Plaintiffs and Cheryl Smith to ensure for the care of Bethel Reece, to ensure she could live on the real property, and to ensure her former and current properties take care of her needs.
  - 20. Bethel Reece relies on and did rely on the association and the Agreement.
- 21. In 2006, Douglas Smith conveyed his separate interest in the real property to his marital community, resulting in a shared interest by Plaintiffs and Cheryl Smith in the real property.
- 22. Bethel Reece relied on Doug Smith's and Cheryl Smith's proper handling of her former and current properties and her financial affairs when Douglas Smith and Cheryl Smith held Joint Durable Power of Attorney.
  - 23. Bethel Reece relies on Douglas Smith in his capacity as her attorney-in-fact.
- 24. Plaintiffs and Cheryl Smith have maintained consistent contact to plan and execute activities necessary for the care of Bethel Reece and to uphold the Agreement.

## **Defendants' Criminal Activity**

- 25. Bethel Reece owned multiple financial Certificates of Deposit, which until August of 2015, were held with State Farm.
- 26. The monthly account statements for the Certificates of Deposit were always mailed directly to Bethel Reece at her home address the real property.
- 27. On August 6, 2015, without the knowledge or consent of the Plaintiffs or Bethel Reece, and with the intent to deceive Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece, Cheryl Smith changed the

mailing address for the monthly statements for the State Farm Certificates of Deposit. Cheryl Smith changed the address so the account statement did not get mailed to Bethel Reece at her home address but was instead sent to Cheryl Smith, individually, at an address where neither Cheryl Smith nor Plaintiffs nor Bethel Reece lived – 9235 Illahee Road NE in Bremerton, Washington.

- 28. On information and belief, John Does 1 10 reside at 9235 Illahee Road NE in Bremerton, Washington.
- 29. On information and belief, John Does 1-10 are accomplices of Cheryl Smith but have no relation to any of the Plaintiffs.
- 30. On information and belief, John Does 1 10 participated in hiding from Plaintiffs, and intentionally did hide from Plaintiffs, the change of address of Bethel Reece's State Farm Certificate of Deposit account statement.
- 31. On August 7, 2015, without the knowledge or consent of the Plaintiffs or Bethel Reece, and with the intent to deceive Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece, Cheryl Smith, transferred by wire \$30,524.10 from Bethel Reece's Certificate of Deposit at State Farm to a Chase Bank account maintained solely in Cheryl Smith's name with a routing number of XXXXV0021 and account number of XXXXV4066.
- 32. The August 7, 2015 bank transfers caused fees and penalties to Bethel Reece's State Farm Certificate of Deposit account, leaving a balance of \$0.00.
- 33. On information and belief, John Does 1 10 conspired with Cheryl Smith in all her actions relating to the Certificate of Deposit account and her commission of mail fraud and wire fraud.

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	34.	Cheryl Smith intentionally changed the address on the account statement for
Bethel	Reece's	s State Farm Certificates of Deposit to hide her actions from Plaintiffs and Bethel
Reece		

- 35. At some time prior to August 19, 2015, without Plaintiffs' knowledge or consent and without Bethel Reece's knowledge or consent, Cheryl Smith intentionally, and with the intent to deceive Bethel Reece, removed a one-carat diamond from Bethel Reece's wedding ring and replaced it with a Moissanite fake.
- 36. Cheryl Smith took the one-carat diamond and had it set in a different ring setting for herself.
  - 37. Cheryl Smith wore and displayed the diamond.
- 38. Shortly after all these events in August 2015, and before Plaintiffs or Bethel Reece discovered Cheryl Smith's actions, Cheryl Smith moved out of the United States of America to Panama.
- 39. On August 25, 2015, Bethel Reece granted Douglas Smith sole power-of-attorney over her affairs, therein revoking the previous power-of-attorney held jointly with Cheryl Smith.
- 40. After her actions were discovered and she was confronted by Douglas Smith, on or about August 30, 2015, Cheryl Smith promised to return the thousands of dollars she stole from Bethel Reece's Certificate of Deposit.
- 41. After her actions were discovered and she was confronted by Douglas Smith, on or about August 30, 2015, Cheryl Smith agreed to reveal the location where she was hiding the diamond she stole from Bethel Reece's ring, but she did not reset the diamond in Bethel Reece's wedding ring nor return the ring to its original condition.
- 42. Shortly thereafter, Cheryl Smith returned from Panama and began living again at the real property with Bethel Reece; they both reside at the real property now.

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## **Defendant Cheryl Smith's Continuing Misuse of the Enterprise**

- 43. On May 1, 2018, Cheryl Smith was licensed by the state of Washington as a Real Estate Broker, and is subject to the professional standards and duties of the profession.
- 44. On May 1, 2018, by and through her attorney, Cheryl Smith offered, in writing, to sell her interest in the real property to Plaintiff Joanne Smith. The written offer specifically stated it remained open until May 11, 2018.
- 45. Cheryl Smith, by and through her May 1, 2018 offer, threatened litigation to partition the real property if Joanne Smith refused Cheryl Smith's offer to sell.
- 46. Cheryl Smith's May 1, 2018 offer to sell included a reference to the county's 2018 Tax Statement's valuation for the real property at 295 Sylvan Way in Bremerton, Washington, containing a detailed legal description of the real property.
- 47. On May 9, 2018, Joanne Smith, by and through a writing from her attorney, accepted Cheryl Smith's May 1, 2018, offer without modification.
- 48. Joanne Smith's May 9, 2018 written acceptance advised Cheryl Smith that litigation to partition the real property would constructively evict Bethel Reece from her home, contrary to Bethel Reece's wishes and contrary to the Agreement.
- 49. After Joanne Smith accepted Cheryl Smith's offer, Cheryl Smith refused to perform and attempted to withdraw her offer.
- 50. Cheryl Smith's actions taken while a licensed real estate broker constituted statements and advertising that were false, deceptive and misleading, and caused harm to Plaintiffs. Cheryl Smith's actions caused and induced Joanne Smith to act and Cheryl Smith knowingly committed acts whereby Joanne Smith had lawfully relied upon the word, representation and conduct of the licensee possessing a Real Estate Broker's license.

	51.	On May 21, 2018, Douglas Smith filed a police report with the Bremerton Police
Depart	tment d	etailing Cheryl Smith's fraudulent actions. Upon information and belief, these acts
and ma	aterial f	acts were concealed by Cheryl Smith in obtaining her Real Estate Broker's license.

- 52. The May 21, 2018, police report details the mail and wire frauds Cheryl Smith committed, and explains some of Douglas Smith's concern that Cheryl Smith was encouraging Bethel Reece to vacate the real property so that it might be sold.
- 53. On May 31, 2018, without Plaintiffs' knowledge or consent, without Bethel Reece's knowledge or consent, and without authority, Cheryl Smith unilaterally and secretly canceled the State Farm insurance policy through electronic means and utilizing both her e-mail address at csmith4209@gmail.com and IP addresses 73.42.220.230 and 24.113.77.241.
- 54. The State Farm insurance policy had been in place for decades and had always named as the insured the owners of the real property: Joanne Smith, Douglas Smith and Cheryl Smith. Bethel Reece also had an insurable interest in the property.
- 55. The State Farm insurance policy included, in addition to coverage of the dwelling, coverage for personal property and medical payments to others. The policy renewal certificate had a balance due of \$734.00 by October 20, 2017. Bethel Reece paid the October 20, 2017 balance due from her personal Kitsap Credit Union account and coverage was provided through October 20, 2018.
- 56. On May 31, 2018, Cheryl Smith opened a new insurance policy for the real property through Farmers Insurance, naming only herself as the insured. This change was done without authority, and without the knowledge or consent of Plaintiffs or Bethel Reece. Cheryl Smith's actions affected interstate commerce and utilized computers and other electronic devices.

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- 57. Cheryl Smith intentionally deprived Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece of all protection afforded by an insurance policy on the real property.
- 58. Upon information and belief, Cheryl Smith's actions were taken while holding her real estate broker's license first issued May 1, 2018 and while working at Re/Max Victory as a Broker possessing license 134893. Cheryl Smith's intentional actions depriving Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece of all protection afforded by the policy paid for by Bethel Reece have resulted in harm or damage to Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece.
- 59. Upon information and belief, the change to the insurance provides less coverage and leaves Bethel Reece, Douglas Smith and Joanne Smith without insurance coverage on the real property they own.
- 60. On July 13, 2018, Cheryl Smith filed a Complaint for Partition of the real property in Kitsap County Superior Court, naming Joanne Smith as sole defendant.
- 61. At some time prior to July 16, 2018, Cheryl Smith replaced Bethel Reece's mailbox at the real property with a locked mailbox. Bethel Reece does not have access to the locked mailbox. Plaintiffs do not have access to the locked mailbox.
- 62. Cheryl Smith has operated a business on the real property with the Department of Revenue Uniform Business Identification Number of 603-032-135 and utilized the mail.
- 63. For all the decades she has lived on the real property, Bethel Reece has always paid the real estate taxes and the insurance premiums, even after the title for the real property was transferred to Douglas Smith and Cheryl Smith and Joanne Smith.
- 64. Plaintiffs bring this action against Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 10 for damages and injunctive relief from Defendants' pattern of racketeering activity in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1962(c). Plaintiffs seek injunctive relief stopping Cheryl Smith from continuing to conspire to participate in the pattern of racketeering activity in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1962(d).

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Plaintiffs also request injunctive relief from and damages for Cheryl Smith's fraud and breaches of her fiduciary duty as an agent of Bethel Reece.

65. Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece should be awarded injunctive relief and monetary damages as well as fees and costs to remedy and redress Defendants' violation of the civil RICO statute, and Cheryl Smith's fraud and breaches of her fiduciary duty.

#### COUNT I

# Civil RICO Violation (I) (15 U.S.C. § 1962(c))

- 66. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as if fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 67. Cheryl Smith is an individual capable of holding a legal or beneficial interest in property.
  - 68. Cheryl Smith committed acts that constitute mail fraud and wire fraud.
- 69. Cheryl Smith conspired and planned to steal Bethel Reece's Certificate of Deposit and deplete the funds.
- 70. Without Plaintiffs' knowledge or permission, Cheryl Smith intentionally depleted Bethel Reece's account holdings in her Certificates of Deposit and stole the funds in the Certificates of Deposit for herself.
- 71. Cheryl Smith used the United States mails to reroute the bank statements for Bethel Reece's Certificate of deposit from the real property address where Bethel Reece resides to conceal Cheryl Smith's actions.
- 72. Cheryl Smith used the United States wires to take the funds from Bethel Reece's Certificate of Deposit and move them to a Chase Bank account naming Cheryl Smith as the sole account holder.

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- 73. Cheryl Smith used the United States wires to co-mingle her personal assets with Bethel Reece's assets.
- 74. Cheryl Smith used the United States mails and wires to cancel the State Farm rental dwelling insurance policy for the real property and seek money in return for premiums paid by Bethel Reece.
- 75. Cheryl Smith intentionally and successfully concealed her actions from Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece.
- 76. Cheryl Smith intentionally restricted, and continues to restrict, access to the mailbox at the real property by Bethel Reece and Plaintiffs.
- 77. Cheryl Smith's scheme to deceive Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece was reasonably calculated to deceive any person of ordinary prudence and comprehension.
- 78. Cheryl Smith's use of both the United States mail and wires to conceal and deplete Bethel Reece's Certificate of Deposit were related in that they were targeted at the same funds and the same victim(s).
- 79. Cheryl Smith's use of both the United States mail and wires display a threat of continued criminal activity.
- 80. Both mail fraud and wire fraud form a basis of racketeering activity pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1961(1).
- 81. Plaintiffs and Cheryl Smith shared and share the common purpose of care for Bethel Reece and to enforce the Agreement.
  - 82. Plaintiffs and Cheryl Smith have cared and continue to care for Bethel Reece.
- 83. Plaintiffs and Cheryl Smith's association contemplates handling of Bethel Reece's funds held by financial institutions engaging in interstate activity.

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- 84. Cheryl Smith's conduct violates the civil RICO Act as codified by 18 U.S.C. § 1964(c).
- 85. As a direct and proximate result of Cheryl Smith's actions, Bethel Reece and Plaintiffs have sustained and will continue to sustain injury and damages.

#### **COUNT II**

# Civil RICO Violation (II) (15 U.S.C. § 1962(c))

- 86. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as if fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint
- 87. Cheryl Smith is an individual capable of holding a legal or beneficial interest in property.
- 88. John Does 1-10, on information and belief, are individuals capable of holding legal or beneficial interests in property.
- 89. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 committed acts that constitute mail fraud and wire fraud.
- 90. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 planned to steal Bethel Reece's Certificate of Deposit and deplete the funds.
- 91. Without the knowledge or permission of Bethel Reece and Plaintiffs, Cheryl

  Smith and John Does 1 10 intentionally depleted Bethel Reece's entire account holdings in her

  Certificates of Deposit and stole the funds in the Certificates of Deposit for themselves.
- 92. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 used the United States mails to reroute the bank statements for Bethel Reece's Certificate of deposit from the real property address where Bethel Reece resided.

- 93. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 10 used the United States wires to take the funds from Bethel Reece's Certificate of Deposit and move them to a Chase account naming Cheryl Smith as the account holder.
- 94. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 intentionally and successfully concealed their actions from Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece.
- 95. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 intentionally restricted, and continue to restrict, access to the mailbox at the real property for Bethel Reece and Plaintiffs.
- 96. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10's scheme to deceive Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece was reasonably calculated to deceive any person of ordinary prudence and comprehension.
- 97. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 10's use of both the United States mail and wires to conceal and deplete Bethel Reece's Certificate of Deposit were related in that they were targeted at the same funds and the same victim(s).
- 98. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 10's use of both the United States mail and wires display a threat of continued criminal activity.
- 99. Both mail fraud and wire fraud form a basis of racketeering activity pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1961(1).
- 100. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 shared the same purpose of defrauding Bethel Reece and Plaintiffs to reap financial benefit.
- 101. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 have engaged in a continuous scheme and continue to conspire in their efforts to defraud Bethel Reece and Plaintiffs.
- 102. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 are engaged in a scheme utilizing Bethel Reece's funds held by financial institutions engaging in interstate activity.

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- 103. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10's conduct violates the civil RICO Act as codified by 18 U.S.C.  $\S$  1964(c).
- 104. As a direct and proximate result of Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10's actions, Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece have sustained and will continue to sustain injury and damages.

### **COUNT III**

# Civil RICO Violation (15 U.S.C. § 1962(d))

- 105. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as if fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint
- 106. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 − 10 conspired to deplete Bethel Reece's entire account holdings in her Certificates of Deposit.
- 107. This conspiracy included Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 conspiring to use the United States mails to reroute the bank statements for Bethel Reece's Certificate of deposit from the real property address where Bethel Reece resided.
- 108. This conspiracy included Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 conspiring to use the United States wires to take the funds from Bethel Reece's Certificate of Deposit and move them to a Chase account naming Cheryl Smith as the account holder.
- 109. This conspiracy included Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 conspiring to conceal their actions from Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece.
- 110. This conspiracy included Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 conspiring to restrict access to the mailbox at the real property for Bethel Reece and Plaintiffs.
- 111. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10's conspiracy to deceive Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece was reasonably calculated to deceive any person of ordinary prudence and comprehension.

- 112. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 10's conspired use of both the United States mail and wires to conceal and deplete Bethel Reece's Certificate of Deposit were related in that they were targeted at the same funds and the same victim(s).
- 113. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 10's conspired use of both the United States mail and wires display a threat of continued criminal activity.
- 114. Both mail fraud and wire fraud form a basis of racketeering activity pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1961(1).
- 115. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 shared the same purpose of defrauding Bethel Reece and Plaintiffs to reap financial benefit.
- 116. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10 have engaged in a continuous scheme and continue to conspire in their efforts to defraud Bethel Reece and Plaintiffs.
- 117. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 10 are engaged in a conspiracy which includes a scheme utilizing Bethel Reece's funds held by financial institutions engaging in interstate activity.
- 118. Cheryl Smith and John Does 1-10's conduct violates the civil RICO Act as codified by 18 U.S.C.  $\S$  1964(d).
- 119. As a direct and proximate result of Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 10's actions, Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece have sustained and will continue to sustain injury and damages.

#### **COUNT IV**

#### **Breach of Fiduciary Duty**

- 120. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as if fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 121. Cheryl Smith was granted powers of attorney-in-fact over Bethel Reece's property from August 4, 1999 until August 25, 2015.

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- 122. As an attorney-in-fact for Bethel Reece, Cheryl Smith owed a fiduciary duty to act with the good faith and loyalty concerning Bethel Reece and her property.
  - 123. Cheryl Smith breached her fiduciary duties by removing Bethel Reece's diamond.
- 124. Cheryl Smith breached her fiduciary duties by transferring and taking Bethel Reece's funds in her Certificate of Deposit account and by comingling Bethel Reece's funds with Cheryl Smith's.
- 125. Cheryl Smith's breaches of her fiduciary duties proximately caused injury to Bethel Reece.
- 126. Cheryl Smith's activities represent an ongoing trend of actions which are in derogation of Bethel Reece's rights.
- 127. Plaintiffs request damages for the injuries sustained by Bethel Reece and injunctive relief enjoining Cheryl Smith from engaging in activity involving the disposition or attempted disposition of any of the former or current properties of Bethel Reece, and from disposing of properties required for the care of Bethel Reece and from taking any action inconsistent with the Agreement.

#### **COUNT V**

#### Common Law Fraud

- 128. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as if fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 129. Cheryl Smith intentionally removed Bethel Reece's diamond from her wedding ring.
- 130. Bethel Reece's wedding ring and the genuine diamond both have monetary and sentimental value.

- 131. After removing the real diamond from Bethel Reece's wedding ring, Cheryl Smith intentionally replaced it with or caused it to be replaced with a Moissanite, or false diamond, and Cheryl Smith took the real diamond for herself.
- 132. Cheryl Smith knew the stone she had placed in Bethel Reece's ring was not the real diamond she had taken from it.
- 133. Cheryl Smith intended Bethel Reece to believe the fake stone placed in her ring was her real wedding diamond.
- 134. Bethel Reece was not aware the stone in her wedding ring was replaced by Cheryl Smith with a fake stone.
- 135. Because of her fiduciary relationship with Cheryl Smith, Bethel Reece had a right to rely on Cheryl Smith, and assume Cheryl Smith could be trusted with Bethel Reece's property.
- 136. Cheryl Smith intentionally removed Bethel Reece's funds from her Certificate of Deposit and hid these actions from Bethel Reece and from Plaintiffs.
- 137. Cheryl Smith intentionally changed the mailing address on the statement of account for Bethel Reece's Certificate of Deposit to hide Cheryl Smith's theft from Bethel Reece and from Plaintiffs.
- 138. Cheryl Smith intentionally failed to disclose her actions to Bethel Reece and Plaintiffs.
- 139. After her theft was discovered, Cheryl Smith made false, deceptive, and misleading statements and material misrepresentations to Plaintiffs, intending them to rely on the representations, about the location of Bethel Reece's Diamond and Certificates of Deposit.
- 140. Cheryl Smith's actions proximately caused injury and damage to the Bethel Reece and Plaintiffs.

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## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendants for the following relief:

- 1. A permanent injunction enjoining Defendants Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 10 from engaging in any activity involving the disposition or proposed disposition of (i) any of the former or current properties of Bethel Reece including without limitation, but not limited to, the real property at 295 Sylvan Way in Bremerton, Washington; (ii) the personal property of Bethel Reece located at 295 Sylvan Way in Bremerton, Washington; (iii) intangible properties (including, but not limited to, surveys, drawings, trade secrets, and architectural renderings) related to the real property at 295 Sylvan Way in Bremerton; (iv) Bethel Reece's financial accounts; and from taking any action inconsistent with the Agreement.
- 2. An award to Plaintiffs and Bethel Reece for damages in an amount to be determined by a trier of fact for all harm caused by the actions of Cheryl Smith and John Does 1 10's, including without limitation, the costs of the action, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and treble damages as authorized by law.
  - 3. An award of interest, including prejudgment interest, on the foregoing amounts.
- 4. For other and further relief, in law or in equity, to which Plaintiffs may be entitled or which the Court deems just and proper.

### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues triable by a jury.

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